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SYSTEM, INSPECTION WATERMARK MEDIUM OUTPUT DEVICE FOR

OUTPUTTING WATERMARK MEDIUM TO UNDERGO INSPECTION, ETC.

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Sir:

Further to the Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway Pilot Program filed on December 14, 2007, and preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows: